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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 3-11.

Please add claims 12-18.

12. (New). The compound of claim 2 where  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  each are methyl.
13. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein  $R^6$  is methyl.
14. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  each are methoxy.
15. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^6$  each are methyl.
16. (New). The compound of claim 2 wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  each are methoxy and  $R^6$  is methyl.